

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA COUNTY

In the Matter of Pre-Adoption )	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Certifications and )	NO. 2002-42
Adoptions )	JUVENILE ADMINISTRATIVE
)	NO. 2002-09
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Due to the need for uniformity as to the administration of matters related to pre-adoption certification and adoptions, and to ensure compliance with the requirements of A.R.S. 8-105, 106, 109, 111, 113, 114 and 115, which provide for expedited processing of the adoption certifications and adoptions, the following Administrative Order is entered:

IT IS ORDERED vacating Juvenile Administrative Order 99-10.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all applications for certification and petitions for adoption shall include or be accompanied by a statement that fingerprints have been submitted for a federal and a state criminal records check for all adults living permanently in the home at least 60 days prior to filing the application for certification or the petition for adoption.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED all CPS clearances be filed at the same time that the 8-105 investigative report or the 8-112 social study on adoption is filed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any social study filed on behalf of:

1. A prospective adoptive parent who is the child's step-parent and who has been legally married to the child's natural or legal parent for at least one year and has resided with the child and parent for at least one year; or
2. A prospective adoptive parent who is the child's adult sibling, by the whole or half blood, or the child's aunt, uncle or grandparent, and with whom the

child has resided with the prospective adoptive parent for at least one year;  
shall be a complete social study conducted pursuant to A.R.S. 8-112(A),(B)[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8], (C), unless waived by the Court. A motion for waiver or modification of the social study requirement shall be filed within 30 days of the filing of the petition. The motion must set forth the circumstances justifying the waiver or modification and establish why the waiver or modification is in the best interest of the child.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in cases filed pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-105N, a copy of the original of the most recent prior certification or licensing report shall be submitted with the updated report on any changes in circumstances that have occurred since the previous certification or licensing report.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all adoption cases in which a social study has not been filed at least 10 days prior to the adoption hearing may be dismissed without prejudice and the hearing may be vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that court administration may destroy all fingerprint cards 36 months after they are submitted to the court if no application for certification is submitted or petition for adoption is filed within that time.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002.

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Linda K. Scott, Presiding Judge  
Juvenile Court, Maricopa County

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